

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** Sanitary coupling for needle and mechanized punch for micropigmentation and tattooing, ~~of the type consisting of, comprising a mechanized punch casing,~~ a threaded bolt that can perform shuttle micromovements of [[the]] a protruding [[sheaf]] section of the easing of the mechanized punch casing to which [[the]] a base of a needle is operatively coupled, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the bolt passes through the easing of the mechanized punch casing through an orifice located in at least one of a prolongation and/or sleeve thereof in the casing; the base of the needle ~~consists of~~ has a disc-like body ~~which on with~~ one of its faces face that presents a threaded orifice for coupling to the ~~thread of the~~ threaded bolt, and [[its]] which has an edge [[is]] extended to form a complementary overlapping skirt around the ~~form~~ ~~of the prolongation of the sleeve of the easing; on the other hand and another~~ face ~~of the disc-like body~~ which is a protruding portion centered where [[the]] a non-dismountable body of the needle is attached, with the edges of the disc-like body ~~extending to form forming~~ a housing for fluid collection.

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**Claim 2 (original):** Sanitary coupling for needle and mechanized punch for micropigmentation and tattooing according to claim 1 characterized in that the prolongation or sleeve of the casing through which the bolt protrudes has a cylindrical form.

**Claim 3 (original):** Sanitary coupling for needle and mechanized punch for micropigmentation and tattooing according to claim 1, characterized in that the base of the needle has a ridge on the outside perimeter that aids finger grip.